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INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 0261

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SUBJECT: LOANS TO GUYANA FROM OPEC COUNTRIES

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1. ACCORDING TO FONMIN RAMPHAL, WHOM I SAW FEB 21, GUYANA HAS NOW RECEIVED PROCEEDS OF TWO RECENT LOANS FROM OPEN COUNTRIES, I.E; KUWAIT AND ABU DHABI.

2. KUWAIT LOAN IS ACTUALLY A US DOLS 10 MILLION ONE-TIME DEPOSIT TO BANK OF GUYANA ACCOUNT IN LONDON. DEPOSIT CARRIES EIGHT PERCENT INTEREST AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT KUWAIT INTENDS TO RENEW DEPOSIT FROM YEAR TO YEAR INDEFINITELY.

3. ABU DHABI LOAN HAS ALSO BEEN PAID BY CHECK TO BANK OF GUYANA. THIS LOAN WAS FOR US DOLS 5 MILLION AT 4.5 PERCENT FOR TEN YEARS WITH
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GRACE PERIOD. 4. I ASKED RAMPHAL WHETHER VENEZUELA HAS DISCUSSED WITH GOG POSSIBLE SPECIAL FINANCING OF PETROLEUM IMPORTS ALONG LINES OF GOV OFFERS TO CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND OTHER CARICOM MEMBERS. RAMPHAL SAID HE WAS AWARE OF GOV OFFER TO BARBADOS, AND THAT GOG HAS ASKED VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO QUERY CARACAS ON WHAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO GUYANA (OTHER THAN 1974 BOP INTEREST-FREE LOAN OF US DOLS 15 MILLION). RAMPHAL SEEMED TO BELIEVE GUYANA SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO SAME FINANCING AS CACM AND CARICOM PARTNERS, ALTHOUGH GUYANA IMPORTS ARE ALL IN REFINED PRODUCTS AND DRAWN FROM TRINIDAD.

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